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any kind of progress with that kind of a situation? It's beyond me. I don't really know what to do about it. I thought we had a solution yesterday, but we didn't. Time is getting down the place where we aren't going to be able to hear any major legislation. If that is your will, then I guess that will be carried out. So, may I go back and do this. Senator Simon, are you ready on 958? Okay, the Clerk will read 958 on Final Reading.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Simon moves to return LB 958 to Select File for a specific amendment. Do I need to read the amendment, Senator? Would you like?

SENATOR SIMON: If you would. It is being handed out, but if you could read it, please.

CLERK: All right, the amendment would read as follows: (Read Simon amendment to LB 958 as found on page 1188 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, and members of the body, 958 was sailing along slated for Final Reading last week when I received a phone call from Mr. Tieger, who happens to be President of the School of Psychologists, who also happens to reside in my district, to express some concerns to me about this particular piece of legislation, and I understand that a number of other senators have been contacted. In the process, I probably have learned probably three times more about 958 than I ever wanted to know, but they have expressed some concerns which some members feel are legitimate, others feels perhaps are not so legitimate in terms of some particular aspects in this legislative bill. Now getting a little bit into the history of the School of Psychologists, one of the things that they had always wanted in the past was to be licensed, and I think, perhaps, that might have been originally a consideration of theirs. But, we, in no way intend to do that. I understand that Senator Koch is going to offer a bill next year and that takes care of that concern. The two concerns that they have raised, and I have discussed this with Senator Warner, and let me take them backwards. The second part of the amendment, number 2, they felt that with 958 written as it was that there might be a very likely possibility that the sunset clause would not go into effect for six or seven years. Now Senator Warner does not feel that way. My staff looked at it. We feel it could be interpreted either way. They hired an attorney last night, and their attorney feels that it could be looked at, that, in fact, they might not be sunsetted for six or seven years. I think that legislative intent